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RE:

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Applicant: Becker et al.

Title: SPINNING OIL FOR PRODUCING COMBED SLIVER

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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Prior to the calculation of fees and examination of the above-identified national stage application pursuant to the accompanying submission under 35 U.S.C. §371, please amend the English translation of the International Application submitted herewith, without prejudice, as follows:

In the Specification:

Please amend the instant Specification, without prejudice, as follows:

Please delete all text above line 3, of page 1, and replace the deleted matter with the following new section headings and title of the invention:

--TITLE OF THE INVENTION

Lubricants for Spinning Combed Wool Slivers, and Methods of Using the Same

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION --

At page 3, between lines 19 and 20 thereof, please insert the following new

section heading:

--BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--